

Organised by the Basketball Association of Hong Kong, China
Subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Co-organised by the Education Bureau

**School Sports Programme – 2026 Outreach Coaching Programme
Basketball Competition for Secondary Schools**

Prospectus

1. Objective: To provide more opportunities for matches among secondary school students that have participated in the “School Sports Programme – Basketball Outreach Coaching Programme”, thereby enhancing their skills.
2. Eligibility: Priority will be accorded to secondary schools which participated in **the “School Sports Programme – Basketball Outreach Coaching Programme” between 1 September 2024 and 31 December 2025**. Participants must be age 17 or below current students of the school during the competition.

3. Competition Date and Venue:

Event	Date	Venue
Preliminary Rounds	8 March 2026 (Sunday)	Choi Hung Road Sports Centre
	15 March 2026 (Sunday)	
	22 March 2026 (Sunday)	
Semi-finals	28 March 2026 (Saturday)	
Finals	29 March 2026 (Sunday)	

4. Time: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
5. Division and Quota:

(1)	Division	Quota	Waiting List
	Boys'	12 Teams	4 Teams
	Girls'	12 Teams	4 Teams
- (2) Each team may consist of 5 to 12 members. Each school may enter up to two teams for each division. For schools entering two teams, the teams must be clearly designated as “Team 1” or “Team 2” on the enrolment form.
- (3) Quotas will be allocated by ballot prioritising Team 1 from each school. If there are remaining places, another ballot will be conducted to allocate slots to Team 2.
- (4) Each participant may only represent one team.
6. Fee: \$450 per team
7. Enrolment Deadline: **15 January 2026** (Thursday) (The postmark date prevails.)
8. How to Enrol:

Please submit by post the completed enrolment form, together with a crossed cheque payable to “The Basketball Association Limited of Hong Kong, China”, to the School Sports Programme

Unit of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Department Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Shatin. Please mark on the envelope “Basketball Competition for Primary Schools”.

9. Quota Ballot and Fixture Draw:

(1) Quota Ballot Date: **Thursday, 29 January 2026** (School representatives are welcome to attend)

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: 1/F Lobby, Leisure and Cultural Services Department Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin

(2) Following the quota ballot, successful schools and those on the waiting list will be notified in writing, while **unsuccessful schools will not be contacted further**.

(3) If an Acknowledgement Receipt is not received by Tuesday, 27 January 2026 (i.e. two working days before the ballot), please contact our staff on 2601 7602.

(4) Teams drawn should return the “Confirmation of Participation” slip by fax (number: 2684 9076) **on or before Thursday, 5 February 2026**. Late reply will be deemed a forfeit of the match and the place will be allocated to a team on the waiting list. No changes can be made to the information provided (including the team manager and team roster) once the “Confirmation of Participation” slip is submitted.

(5) Fixture Draw Date: **Thursday, 12 February 2026** (School representatives are welcome to attend)

Time: 11:00am

Venue: 1/F Lobby, Leisure and Cultural Services Department Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin

(6) Following the fixture draw, participating schools will be notified in writing of the draw results (i.e. fixtures) and reporting times.

10. Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to the champion, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, and 3rd runner-up of each division and medals to individual players of the winning teams. The prize presentation ceremony will be held immediately after the finals on Sunday, 29 March 2026.

11. Other Awards:

(1) This competition is a scoring event of the **School Sports Programme Award Scheme (Pilot Scheme) – LCSD Cup**.

(2) A total of 16 awards will be presented. Trophies will be awarded at the 2026 School Sports Programme Prize Presentation Ceremony cum Carnival to honour schools with the most outstanding performance between 1 January 2026 and 10 June 2026. The awards include:

LCSD Cup –Primary School Boys’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

LCSD Cup –Primary School Girls’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

LCSD Cup –Secondary School Boys’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

LCSD Cup –Secondary School Girls’ Division: Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up

(3) For details, please refer to the webpage of LCSD School Sports Programme at <https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/tc/ssp/index.html>

12. Format:

- (1) A single round robin system on a group basis shall be adopted in the preliminary rounds. Each group shall consist of 3 teams. The winner of each group can proceed to the finals, in which a single knock-out system shall be adopted. **The Organiser reserves the right to change the competition format depending on the enrolments.** In the preliminary rounds, teams are awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss, and 0 points for a forfeit (the score shall be recorded as a 0:20 loss).
- (2) Each match shall last 40 minutes, comprising 4 periods of 10 minutes each. There shall be a 1-minute interval between the first and second periods and between the third and fourth periods, and a 5-minute half-time between the second and third periods. If the score is tied at the end of the fourth period, one or more 5-minute overtime periods will be played until a winner is determined.
- (3) The game clock stops only during time-outs, the last 30 seconds of the first three periods and the last 2 minutes of the fourth period and any overtime period.
- (4) **No jerseys or number bibs will be provided by the Organiser.** Each team must prepare two sets of numbered jerseys (1 to 99, 0 and 00) in contrasting colours (dark and light). The jersey colours must be specified on the Enrolment Form.
- (5) Unless otherwise specified in this Prospectus, the existing rules and regulations of the International Basketball Federation shall apply.

13. Registration:

- (1) Players must report to the court 15 minutes before the scheduled match time and are required to present **the original of a valid photo-bearing identification document** (e.g. student card, student handbook, student registration card issued by the Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China) for verification. Those failing to do so will not be allowed to play in a match.
- (2) If a team fails to field at least 5 players within five minutes of being called, it will be considered a forfeit.
- (3) If a player is found representing more than one team or if a team fields an unregistered player, the Organiser has the right to disqualify the team concerned and nullify all its results.
- (4) Participating schools must assign at least one person aged 18 or above as the team manager or the person-in-charge.
- (5) For teams failing to attend or complete any events, the Organiser reserves the right to revoke their eligibility for prizes, and no medals, trophies or certificates will be awarded.

14. Inclement Weather Arrangements:

If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, or a Red/Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force two hours before the reporting time of the first match on the competition day; or the Environmental Protection Department announces an Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) of 10+ (“Serious” health risk category) recorded at its general monitoring station in the concerned area (i.e. Yau Tsim Mong District), all matches on that day will be cancelled. Under other weather conditions, participants are still required to report to the venue on time. The Referee on site will determine whether the matches proceed as scheduled.

15. Additional Rules:

- (1) A player may be disqualified by the referee from the remainder of the competition for serious fouls or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- (2) Any team involved in serious misconduct (e.g. fighting) will be disqualified with all its results nullified. The Organiser reserves the right to take further action.
- (3) The Organiser reserves the right to adjust the competition fixture as needed. The updated fixtures announced on-site shall take precedence.
- (4) Once the fixture is published, all teams must strictly adhere to the scheduled match times. No reschedule requests will be entertained.
- (5) In case of any inadequacy in this Prospectus, the Organiser reserves the right to amend it at any time without further notice.

16. Appeal:

No appeal will be entertained. The officiating referee’s decisions shall be final.

17. Remarks:

- (1) The LCSD reserves the right to publish the results of the competition.
- (2) The Organiser will take photographs/videos/audios during the competition, and reserves the right to display/publish these materials on the Internet, at LCSD venues, on the Organiser’s dedicated website, in publications, and through other publicity channels for promotion and record purposes.

18. Enquiries:

School Sports Programme Unit of the LCSD

Address: 1/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3, Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin.

Telephone No.: 2601 7602

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